

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. 20-13

Magi No. 1604625504

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Watkins Farmhouse

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Fields Rd not for publication

city, town Rockville vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Montgomery

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<u> </u> district	<u> </u> public	<u> </u> occupied	<u> </u> agriculture
<u> </u> building(s)	<u> </u> private	<u> </u> unoccupied	<u> </u> commercial
<u> </u> structure	<u> </u> both	<u> </u> work in progress	<u> </u> educational
<u> </u> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u> </u> entertainment
<u> </u> object	<u> </u> in process	<u> </u> yes: restricted	<u> </u> government
	<u> </u> being considered	<u> </u> yes: unrestricted	<u> </u> industrial
	<u> </u> not applicable	<u> </u> no	<u> </u> military
			<u> </u> museum
			<u> </u> park
			<u> </u> private residence
			<u> </u> religious
			<u> </u> scientific
			<u> </u> transportation
			<u> </u> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name William Lawson King

street & number 1 North Summit Ave. telephone no.:

city, town Gaithersburg, Md. state and zip code 20760

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Mont. Co. Courthouse liber 791

street & number folio 295

city, town Rockville state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title MNCPPC Historic Sites Inventory

date 1976 federal state county local

pository for survey records Park Historian's Office

city, town Rockville state Maryland

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7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
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8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
— prehistoric	— archeology-prehistoric	— community planning	— landscape architecture	— religion
— 1400-1499	— archeology-historic	— conservation	— law	— science
— 1500-1599	— agriculture	— economics	— literature	— sculpture
— 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	— education	— military	— social/
— 1700-1799	— art	— engineering	— music	— humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	— commerce	— exploration/settlement	— philosophy	— theater
— 1900-	— communications	— industry	— politics/government	— transportation
		— invention		— other (specify)

Specific dates: 1885 Builder/Architect Cole & Orme

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Watkins farmhouse is a rural vernacular dwelling built in parts, the earliest of which probably dates from the 1850's. It was later substantially added to in 1885. The house now, however, has more of a twentieth century look due to such alterations as the new brick chimney on the west side and the application of stucco to the original frame exterior.

The earlier part of the house was built by Thomas Hunter, a farmer and miller who came to Montgomery County from Baltimore County in 1851.¹ He died in 1857 leaving his property to his wife, Susanna G.K. Hunter and their children. Susanna sold the house on 105 acres to George S. Watkins in October of 1873 for \$2,965.00.²

Following George's death a few years later the farm became the property of his son, Rudolph Watkins. Rudolph had the substantial additions made in 1885 by Cole and Orme, Contractors of Barnesville, essentially building a new house.³ With his wife, Mary, and their family, Rudolph ran a farm here which he referred to as "Dixie."⁴ In May of 1896, the house was sold to William T. and Nani F. Owens who in turn sold it to the fields family in May of 1909.⁵ In August of 1940, the Fields sold the house to the present owner, Lawson King.⁶

¹Sentinel, May 29, 1857, Obituary of Thos. Hunter.

²Equity #324 including an 1869 plat showing a house on lot #2 and sold to Geo. Watkins. Also, Deed EBP 11/145, Mont. Co. Land Records.

³Sentinel, November 20, 1885.

⁴Deed EBP 23/70, Mont. Co. Land Records.

⁵Deed JA 53/374, " "

206/289, " "

⁶Deed 791/295, " "

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. M:20-13

Mont. Co. Land Records
Mont. Co. Judgement Records
Sentinel Newspaper

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 103.94 acres

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Catherine Crawfordorganization Mont. Co. Hist. Preservation Comm. date 6/83

street & number

telephone

city or town Rockvillestate Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 269-2438

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

1. NAME				
COMMON:				
AND/OR HISTORIC: Watkins House				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: Fields Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Rockville				
STATE: Maryland			COUNTY: Montgomery	
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> Museum <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific				
			<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____ _____
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: Lawson King				
STREET AND NUMBER: Frederick Road (Rte. 355)				
CITY OR TOWN: Gaithersburg			STATE: Maryland	
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURT, DEED, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Montgomery County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN: Rockville			STATE: Maryland	
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY: None				
DATE OF SURVEY:				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	

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6. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian ☐ 16th Century ☐ 18th Century ☐ 20th Century
☐ 15th Century ☐ 17th Century ☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|---|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Parts of the house were built before 1860; it has been extensively altered, however, and now appears to be essentially a twentieth century building.

SEE INST. INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION

MNCPPC

DATE

24 Oct 74

STREET AND NUMBER:

8787 Georgia Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:

Silver Spring

STATE

Maryland

12.

State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature

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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See correspondence dated May 16, 1984

ACTION TAKEN

I am pleased to transmit to you a copy of the Final Draft Amendment to the Master Plan for Historic Preservation: Gaithersburg Area Resources. This Plan recommends that only one of the remaining Gaithersburg area resources (the Belward Farm/Ward House, Site #20/21) be placed on the Master Plan for Historic Preservation.

This Amendment recommends against the designation of the following resources on the Master Plan:

- . Railroad Underpass, Site #20/30
- . Mineral Spring Houses, Site #20/10 1 & 2
- . Sylvester Thompson's House & Store, Site #20/11
- . Fields/King Farm, Site #20/12
- . Watkins Farmhouse, Site #20/13
- . Briggs Farm #2, Site #20/26

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See correspondence dated May 16, 1984

ACTION TAKEN

The following area sites were reviewed either as part of this Plan or at previous public hearings and were found not suitable for regulation under the Historic Preservation Ordinance. This Plan recommends their removal from the Locational Atlas. Although removed from the Locational Atlas these sites will remain on the Maryland Historical Trust's Inventory of State Historical Resources.

<u>Site No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Planning Board Hearing Date</u>
20/1	Remus Dorsey Tenant House**	4/5/83 - 4/6/83
20/2	Dorsey Cemetery	4/5/83 - 4/6/83
20/3	Shaw Cemetery	4/5/83 - 4/6/83
20/5	Snouffer Schoolhouse	4/5/83 - 4/6/83
20/6	Urah Bowman House**	6/17/82
20/7	Day Farm Barns**	9/25/80
20/8	Emory Grove Camp Meeting Grounds	7/5/83 - 7/6/83
20/9	Emory Grove Methodist Episcopal Church	7/5/83 - 7/6/83
20/10	MINERAL SPRING HOUSES	4/12/84
20/11	SYLVESTER THOMPSON'S STORE	4/12/84
20/12	FIELD'S KING FARM	4/12/84
20/13	WATKINS FARMHOUSE	4/12/84
20/14	Peters House/Monument View Hill	7/22/82
20/15	Gaither/Howes House	4/5/83 - 4/6/83
20/16	Heater/Crown Farm	4/5/83 - 4/6/83
*20/18	THOMPSON HOUSE**	10/9/83
20/19	Windy Knoll Farm	4/5/83 - 4/6/83
20/20	Hunting Hill Church	4/5/83 - 4/6/83
20/22	Hunting Hill Store and Post Office	4/5/83 - 4/6/83
20/23	Ward/Garrett Cemetery	4/5/83 - 4/6/83
*20/24	Mills House	1/20/83
20/25	Briggs Farm #1**	7/24/80
20/26	BRIGGS FARM #2**	4/12/84
20/27	Pleasant View Church**	6/17/82
20/29	Woodlands Site and Smokehouse	4/5/83 - 4/6/83
*20/30	RAILROAD UNDERPASS	4/12/84

* Recommended for designation by the Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission.

** No longer standing.



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NAME WATKINS HOUSE ?

LOCATION (KING FARM) FIELDS Rd. NR Rt. 355
GAITHERSBURG, (DERWOOD) Md.

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PHOTO TAKEN 10/24/74 M DWYER